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For: Covalent Conjugates of Biologically-Active
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Protected Sites

Before the Examiner:
S. A. Jiang

Group Art Unit: 1617

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Response to Office Action mailed on April 23, 2003; and
 - b) Return Receipt Postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
 - a) No fee is required.
 - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
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Respectfully submitted,

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MAILED APRIL 23, 2003

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2003. Please amend this application as shown below. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.